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[REDACTED] the Albanian Ministry of War is constituted
as follows:

Supreme Commander of
the Armed Forces

General of the Army Enver
Hoxha

Chief of Staff

Major General Beqir Balluku

Political Director

Major General Hysni Kapo

The Ministry itself comprises the following units:

a. Political Direction:

Vice Director: Lieutenant Colonel Beqir Ndou. Consists of two
sections: Agit-Prop and Revolutionary sections. Certain political
commissars are also included.

b. General Staff:

In addition to the chief, includes Colonel Nexhip Vincani, Colonel
Tefik Kolonoci (Kolonezi), Major Kemal Pandevia, Major Skender Malindi,
and others.

Army Staff:

- (1) Artillery Branch:
- (2) Tank Branch:
- (3) Communications Branch:
- (4) Reserves Branch:
- (5) Recruiting Branch:
- (6) Training Branch:
- (7) Engineers Branch:
- (8) I S Branch:

Major General Tahir Kadreja
Major General Gjin Marku
Major Niaz Cepani (also
Kopani)
Colonel Qazim Kondi
Major Suat Leskoviku
Name unknown
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Lieutenant Colonel Tome Sejko.

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2. There are three infantry divisions located as follows:

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|-----------------|---|
| a. Korce: | Commanding Officer, Lieutenant
Colonel Petrit Dume |
| b. Gjinokaster: | Commanding Officer, Major Vaske
Gdine |
| c. Tirana: | Commanding Officer, Colonel Hito
Cako |

3. The "Enver" regular division headquarters is based at Tirana; the commanding officer has recently changed, but the name of the new commanding officer is not known. One regiment of this division is located in the Peshkop-Tropoje area, another is believed to be in Tirana, and the third in the Korce-Gjinokaster region.

4. There is no Albanian Air Force.

5. The Naval Coastal Command headquarters is located at Tirana.

6. One unspecified brigade is based at Vlone, under the command of Colonel Gjeli Argjiri.

7. Each division is composed of three regiments, total strength not more than 6,000 men. A brigade, composed of two regiments, is under the direct control of the General Staff.

8. Higher grade Soviet officers are assigned at the General Staff level; Soviet advisors are also assigned to each division.

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